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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified Application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the list beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks in support of the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.